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Accordingly, Philyaw does not disclose storing first system configuration information associated with identification information and indicating hardware components of the user's computer system according to a built-to-order (BTO) system. Rather, Philyaw relies upon the user inputting information, e.g. scanning an MRC with a wand, in order to obtain configuration information from a server that returns the requested information, including a device driver, to the user's PC for installation on the PC or hardware peripheral. Philyaw also does not disclose the claimed second system configuration information collected by the user's computer system, such as hardware components added to the computer system in addition to those identified in the stored first system configuration information. In the claimed invention, latest versions of the device drivers required for operation of each of the hardware components of the user's computer system are then determined based on both the first and second system configuration information. It is not necessary to input MRCs with a wand in order to determine the latest versions of the device drivers required for operation of each of the hardware components of the user's computer system, according to the method and system of the invention, as it is in the Philyaw system.

As claimed by Applicants, a download list is created according to the identified latest versions of the device drivers and the download list of the latest versions of the device drivers are sent to the user's computer system. Then, in response to a second download request sent from the user's computer system, the latest versions of the device drivers are sent to the user's computer. Philyaw does not disclose the sending of first and second download requests, and the sending of a created download list, but rather just a single download request of

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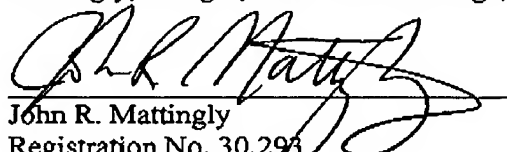
configuration information related to a specific piece of equipment in order to obtain configuration information. Accordingly, Philyaw does not teach or suggest the invention as now claimed by the amended claims set forth in the present amendment. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1-8, 11, 16-19 and 21-23 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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